(iv) Funding research and development programme undertaken, by various Institutions for fuller exploitation of oil from oil-bearing materials.

(v) Providing financial assistance for modernisation of huller rice mills.

(vi) Allowing manufacturing and marketing of blended oils consisting of any two edible vegetable oils etc.

Steep increase in conversion and packing charges

1167. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have steeply increased packing material, conversion and packing charges recently;

(b) if so, on what basis packing material costs have been increased;

(c) whether it is a fact that sale rates of suppliers of packing materials have not been varified before affecting the increase;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof;

(e) what are the names of the units which give the data for increase in conversion cost and packing charges and who studied this data; and

(f) what are the details of basis on which increases have been given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers has informed that increases in Packing Material Costs, Conversion and packing charges were necessitated by overall inflationary conditions.

(b) to (f) Government's decision with regard to costs of packing material used in formulations are based on the recommendations of BICP which are of confidential nature.

Supply line of Public Distribution System

1168. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to strengthen the supply line of Public Distribution System of commodities in remote areas, Government have asked the State Governments to construct capacity godowns in these areas; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance to be provided to State Governments on this accounts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. They have been advised to construct/hire such godowns as per need assessed by them for areas identified for revamped ■ PBS.

(b) A provision of Rs. 250 crores have been made in the budget estimates for 1992-93 towards additional subsidies on foodgrains, and construction of godowns in these areas.

Compassionate Employment to the Dependents of the deceased Workers of BCCL.

1169. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers of BCCL who died in harness between the date of take over the collieries by Government and 1st January, 1979 in BCCL indicating the details thereof;

(b) the number of dependents of the deceased workers who got employment during this period on compassionate ground and the details thereof;

(c) whether special compensation is being given to those left out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?